

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A folding mechanism comprising:

a fixed member having a plurality of fixed cams disposed on a side face thereof;

a movable member arranged for rotation with respect to the fixed member having a plurality of movable cams disposed on a side face thereof in confronting relation with the fixed cams; and

a spring for urging the movable member or the fixed member such that the movable cams and the fixed cams are brought into resilient contact with each other;

wherein

a first set of the movable and fixed cams form an inner camming unit,
and

a second set of the movable and fixed cams form an outer camming unit positioned circumferentially around the inner camming unit
~~one of the plurality of fixed cams and movable cams are disposed on the outer circumferential side and the other of the cams are disposed on the inner circumferential side.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The folding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein

~~the plurality of fixed cams and movable cams disposed on the outer circumferential side and on the inner circumferential side~~
of the inner and outer camming units are each disposed in symmetrical positions with each other.

3. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:

a folding mechanism which comprises a fixed member having a plurality of fixed cams disposed on a side face thereof, a movable member arranged for rotation with respect to the fixed member having a plurality of movable cams disposed on a side face thereof in confronting relation with the fixed cams, and a spring for urging the movable member or the fixed member so that the movable cams and the fixed cams are brought into resilient contact with each other, ~~in which one of the plurality of fixed cams and movable cams are disposed on the outer circumferential side and the other of the cams are disposed on the inner circumferential~~

wherein a first set of the movable and fixed cams form an inner camming unit, and a second set of the movable and fixed cams form an outer camming unit positioned circumferentially around the inner camming unit;

a fixed housing having at least one of an operating ~~portion~~portion and a voice input portion disposed on an upper face thereof; and

a movable housing having at least one of a display portion and a voice output portion disposed on a surface; wherein

the fixed member and the movable member are mounted on the fixed housing and the movable housing, respectively or vice versa.

4. (New) The folding mechanism according to claim 1, wherein:

the inner and outer camming units are disposed on the fixed and movable members at respective inner and outer circumferential portions thereof such that each respective movable or fixed cam is disposed on one of the inner circumferential portion or the outer circumferential portion.

5. (New) The electronic apparatus according to claim 3, wherein:

the inner and outer camming units are disposed on the fixed and movable members at respective inner and outer circumferential portions thereof such that

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each respective movable or fixed cam is disposed on one of the inner circumferential portion or the outer circumferential portion.